

# CT Water Turbine

An Energy Saving Equipment Used in  
Cooling Tower

**Cooling Tower Water Turbine ( CTWT )**



# Cooling Water Circulation System

Circulation water pump is like human heart, drives circulating water with a certain pressure and flow rate into various equipment distributed in different systems.



Cooling tower lowers the temperature of circulating water.

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various heat exchangers or central air-conditioning condensers

Air compression system (circulating water needs=34.00m<sup>3</sup>/hr)



Air compression system (circulating water needs=28.78m<sup>3</sup>/hr)



Air compression system (circulating water needs=31.28m<sup>3</sup>/hr)



1000 RT water chiller (circulating water needs=727.28m<sup>3</sup>/hr)



500 RT water chiller (circulating water needs=282.01m<sup>3</sup>/hr)



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Main energy saving approaches and electricity consuming equipment in cooling water circulation system



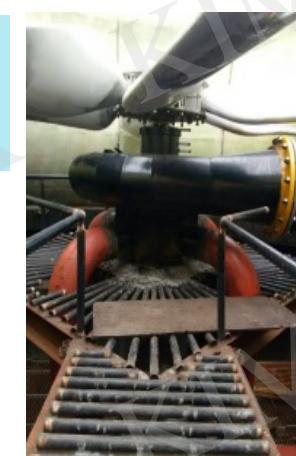
**Motor of circulating water pump  
Energy saving approach**

**Permanent Magnetic  
Coupling**



**Driving motor of cooling  
water tower  
Energy saving approach**

**CT Water Turbine**



# Principle of Cooling Tower Water Turbine

## Cooling Tower Water Turbine ( CT Water Turbine )

Water turbine transforms water flow pressure into rotation mechanical power which principle is widely used in water power generation.

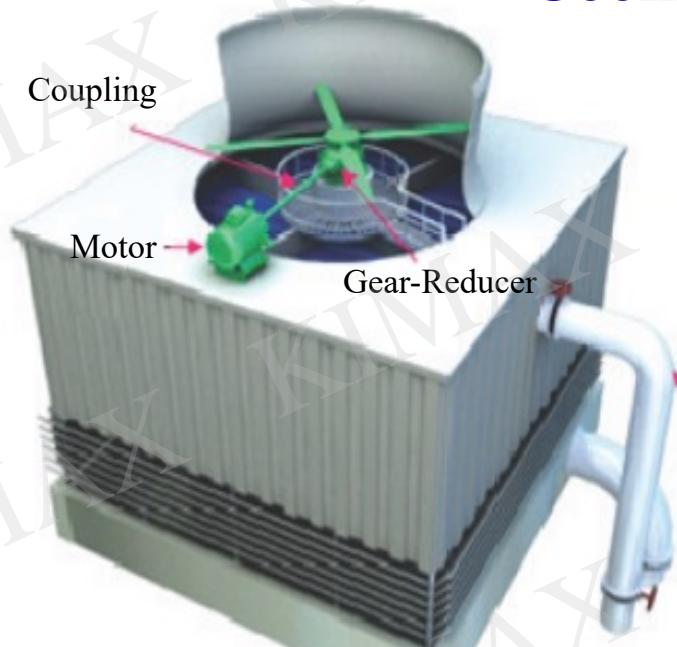
Water turbine specially designed for cooling water tower can save energy by using surplus pressure within circulation system to drive water turbine, and thereby replacing the traditional electric motor.

The special water turbine with low flow and low lift for water circulation system developed from KIMAX, then the purpose of lowering cost, saving energy and emission reduction can be achieved.

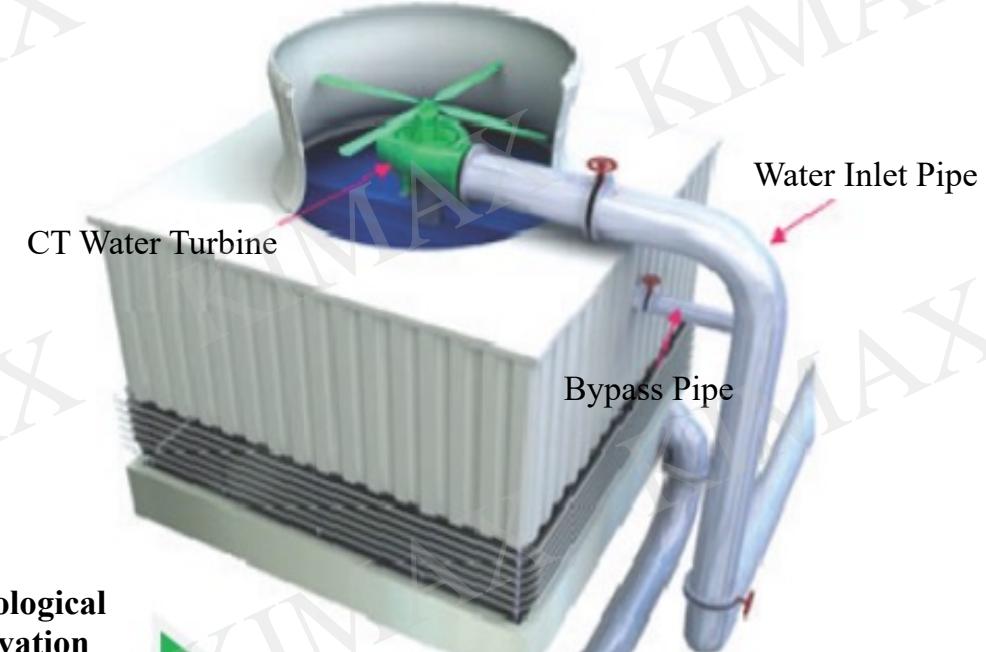


# Principle of Cooling Tower -Water Turbine

## Cooling Tower -Water Turbine ( CT Water Turbine )



Cooling Tower  
(gear reducer + coupling + motor)

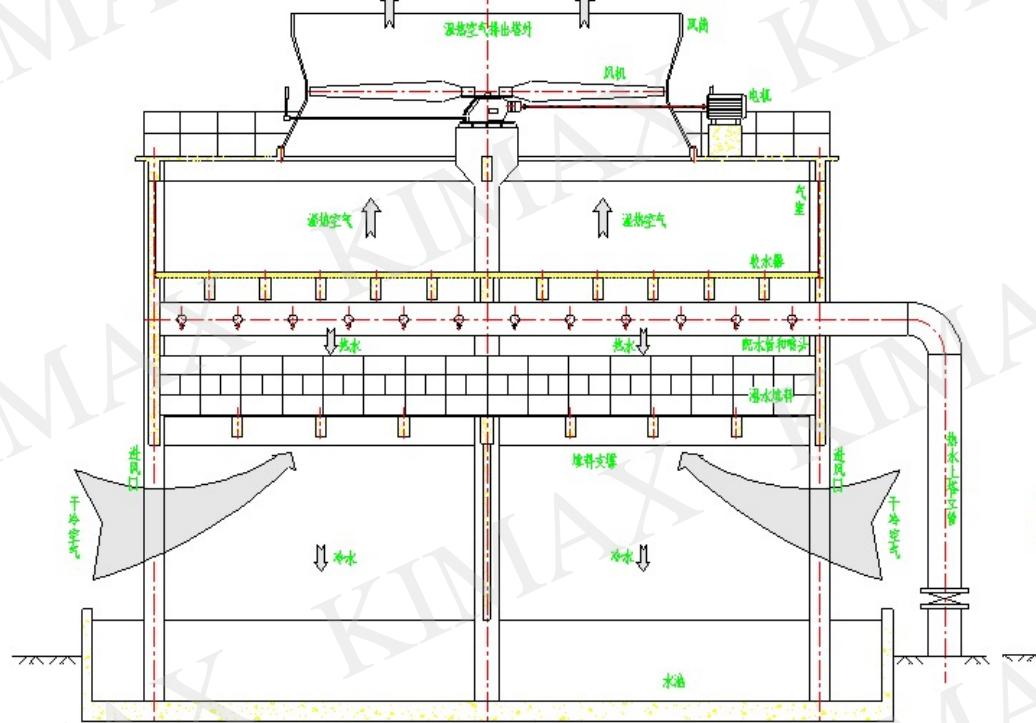


Cooling Tower  
(CT Water Turbine)



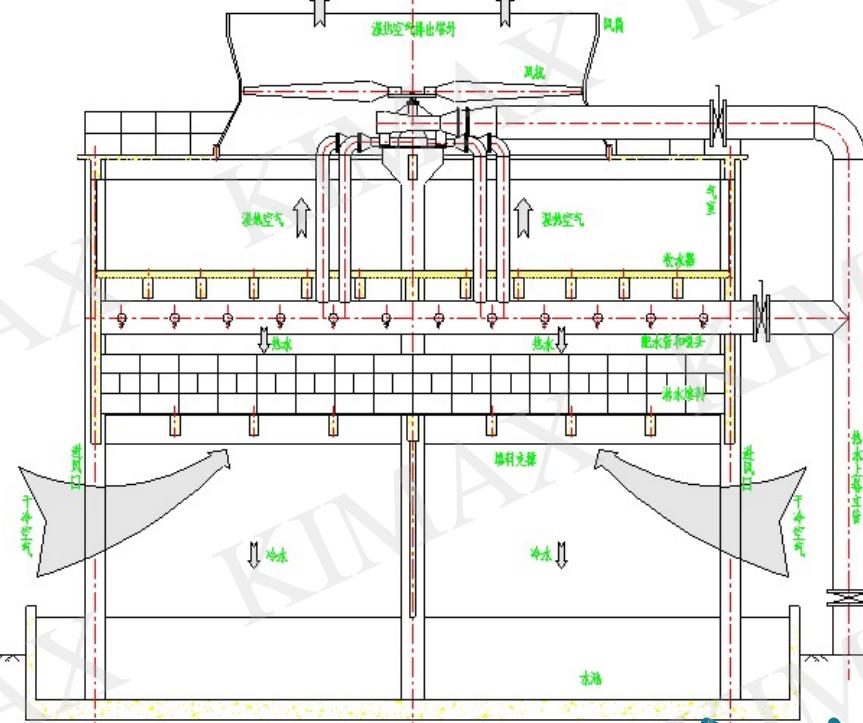
# Principle of Cooling Tower -Water Turbine

Traditional Cooling Tower



replace

KIMAX Cooling Tower Water Turbine



# Research and Development Background

CT Water Turbine with more or less 6-year history has been widely recognized in terms of 100% electricity saving in energy saving field. However, since the driving force of CT Water Turbine is from circulating water pump pressure, CT Water Turbine's failure is often limited or fails by insufficient pressure in the early years. (far less than original fan rotation speed and poor heat radiation effect in summer)

The CT Water Turbine has greatly been improved its own efficiency, upgraded compensation for insufficient pressure, increased equipment reliability to make its technology renovation stepping into a mature progress.

- 1:Directly-through->cross-flow-> High speed ratio ->Low speed ratio (Power assisted booster)
2. 2D blades ->3D blades
3. Technological improvement of bearing, seal & lubrication
4. Flow pipe optimization or compensation



# Different Types of CT Water Turbine

**Directly-through (1st type):** It is used for cooling tower is externally installed. Its CT Water Turbine is out of cooling tower's chimney, with the original transmission mechanism being kept (transmission shaft and reduction box). CT Water Turbine uses water to work, and drives fan through transmission mechanism.

**Problems:**

1. Needs high head pressure.
2. Only replaces motor, lower efficiency
3. Large vibration
4. Still needs a lot of maintenance

**Cross-flow (2<sup>nd</sup> type):** One of impulse turbines, whose working principle is circulating flows into water inlet and shocks blades at 90° angle, and crosses transitional surface of blade to the opposite blade for the second shock, after which, flows out from the side to complete the whole work.

**Problems:**

1. Main axis of blade endures unbalanced force radially, easily causing shaft bearing wear, vibration and noise.
2. Water flow easily forms vortex in shell, causing resistance and influencing efficiency of CT Water Turbine

# Different Types of CT Water Turbine

**High speed ratio (3<sup>rd</sup> type):** Similar to the hydroelectric turbine structure, high speed need to install the gear box to slow down.

**Problems:**

1. Large entire height, it is needed to lower original reducer gear box's base position or elevate original chimney's height, therefore, air extraction effect of fan will be greatly lowered.
2. Needs very high head pressure.
3. Gearbox installed will increase vibration, lower transmission efficiency and result in higher fault rate.

**\* Low speed ratio (4<sup>th</sup> type) : Circulating water first flows into flow runner outside of the CT Water Turbine, and evenly distributed by flow guides, shocks rotation blades with even pressure, the impulse points are evenly distributed in a 360° circle. After impulse, water flows out of water outlet and completes work process.**

**Problem:**

1. Structure design, runner design, processing technologies are demanding than other these for CT Water Turbines.

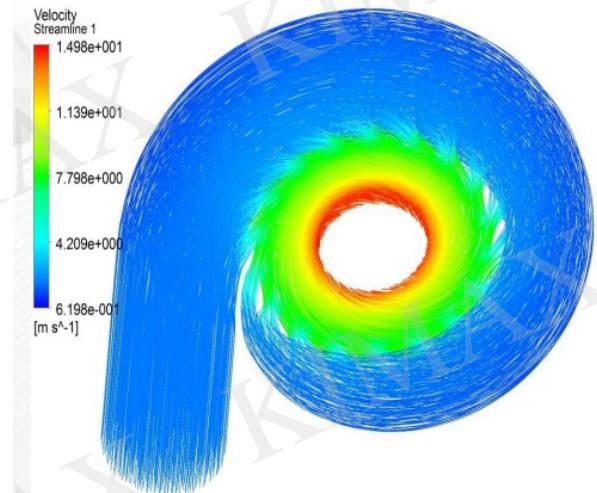
# Evolutionary Process of CT Water Turbine

## (Kimax CT Water Turbine is 4<sup>th</sup> type)

Kimax CT Water Turbine belongs to generation 4 CT Water Turbine, and also the optimal type in the market. Its design is based on cooling system parameter, surplus pressure and flow requirements from users, and relevant technical parameters of each structural part of obtained after analysis. In design and production phases, flow areas, guide angles, rotation wheel diameters and blade shapes of various nodes are specifically designed and processed based on these analysis. Therefore, each CT Water Turbine is tailored to customer needs and can best meet user process and user requirements.

### Performance Advantages:

1. Head pressure needed by Kimax CT-water pressure is at least 15% less than other similar CT Water Turbine manufactured by other suppliers. For example, Kimax 5000T CT Water Turbine actually needs 8m head while these from others at least need 15m. This is enough to enable Kimax CT Water Turbine's efficiency and onsite working conditions for renovation. These are much better than other similar CT Water Turbines.
2. Since the design of Kimax CT Water Turbine is based on user's working conditions, flow and flow rates at different guide points are basically the same, shocking force borne by the whole CT Water Turbine shell is even, radial and axial forces applied to points on main shaft are the same, so the main shaft mainly bears axial load from fan. In this way, CT Water Turbine can run stably with little vibration and vibration speed is between 1.0-2.5mm/s



# Operation Process to Renovate CT Water Turbine

- ▶ A. Stop the cooling tower, turn off water and power when it is being renovated;
- ▶ B. Keep original framework structure during renovation, dismantle reducer, transmission shaft, motor, adjust reducer 's base height;
- ▶ C. Adjust pipe delivering water to tower so that circulating water first passes CT Water Turbine, then flows into water distribution system;
- ▶ D. Change water inlet pipe into bypass pipe whose bypass value controls the starting and shutdown of fan, or controls fan rotation speed based on environmental changes;
- ▶ E. Make supports under water inlet and outlet pipes and CT Water Turbine, make an opening on air duct and reinforce the opening;
- ▶ F. Preservation treatment of pipelines and other steel parts under construction.
- ▶ G. Start the machine for commissioning, begin pilot running, then complete test and acceptance.

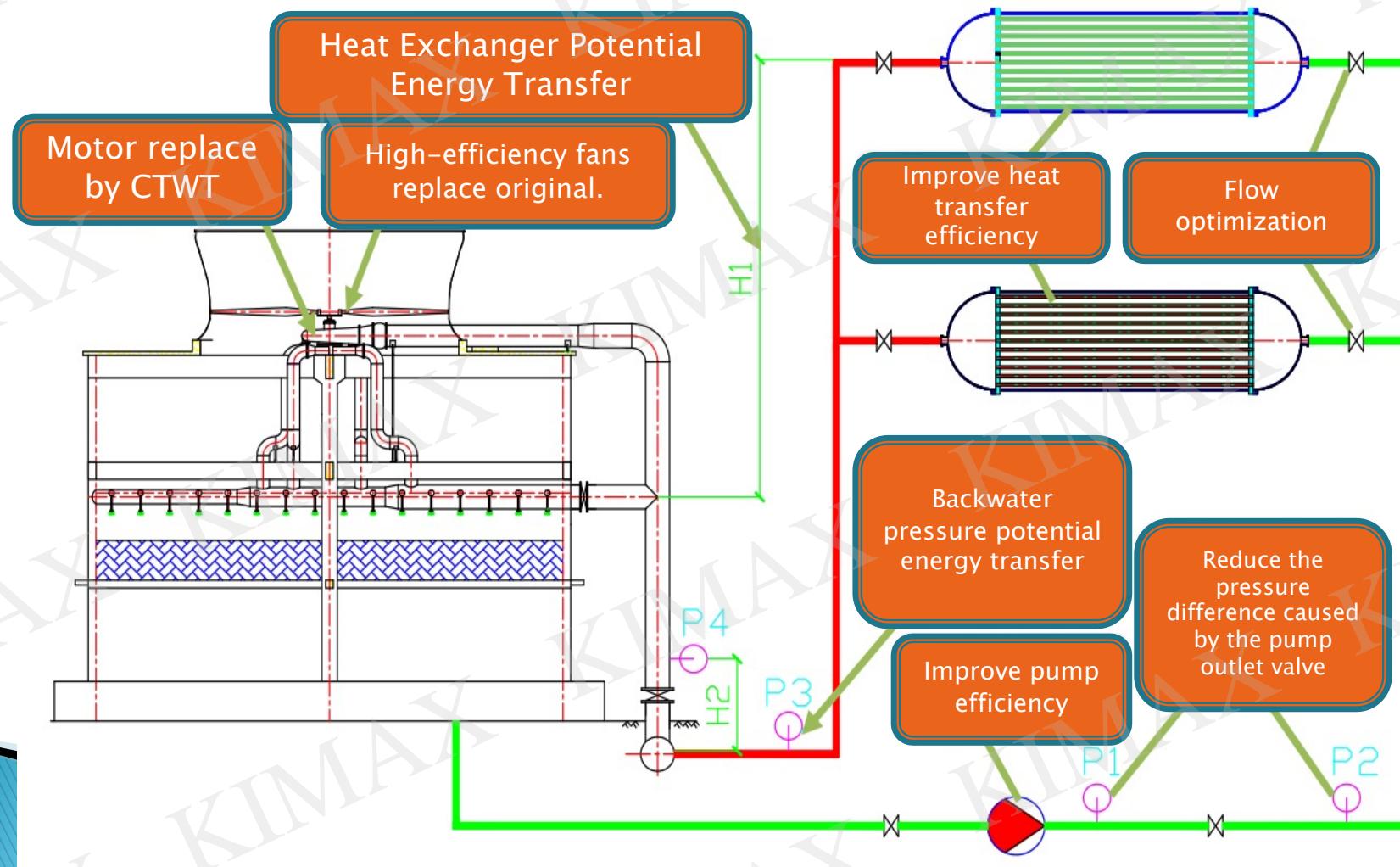
# Acceptance of Renovated CT Water Turbine

## The General Acceptance Indexes for Renovated CT Water Turbine

1. After renovation, circulating water pump's running current remains unchanged (ensure comprehensive energy saving index);
2. After renovation, fan blade's rotation speed remains the same as design standards before renovation (ensure cooling index during running) ;
3. After renovation, running vibration index should be better than before (ensure safety index during running).

Actually, the most important factor for renovating CT Water Turbine used for cooling water is water temperature rather than fan speed. If this point is accepted, the CT Water Turbine could be renovated together with smart system, with which, fan speed could be adjusted to the optimal status (energy saving and water saving ) according to temperature changes.

# Power source-surplus energy distribution map



# Renovation Case

Project Name: Renovation of CT Water Turbines for  $6 \times 800\text{m}^3$  Cooling Tower for Circulating Water System in Waste Heat Generation

## Project Introduction:

The original CT Water Turbine completed by one company in Anhui, only showed a rotation speed of 130-150 rpm during pilot running period, less than rating speed of 210 rpm, and increased water pressure by 0.11 MPa which caused water flow to be decreased by nearly  $1000 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ . This working condition cannot meet system running requirement and was not accepted. In June of the same year, this project was renovated by Kimax CT Water Turbine. After completion, system has run for consecutive 12 months, with satisfactory results.

## Acceptance Conclusion:

The originally built cooling tower in Anhui, China showed a CT Water Turbine which speeds at  $130\text{r}/\text{min}$  when water supply pressure was  $0.47\text{MPa}$  and water flow per tower was  $800\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , and was not accepted due to not meeting running requirement.

Over the renovation by Kimax, water pressure supply was decreased to  $0.36\text{Mpa}$ . Under the prerequisite of water flow per tower was  $800\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , rotation speed became  $210\text{r}/\text{min}$ , meeting design requirement. After two months consecutive running, this renovation project was accepted.

Jinxi Steel & Iron Co., Ltd

Replaced original CT Water Turbine



# Renovation Case

Nanjing X Clean Energy Co., Ltd

Project Name: Renovation of #2 5000m<sup>3</sup>/h Cooling Tower for Circulating Water System Phase 2

## Project Introduction:

Phase 2 Circulating Water System 1# 5000m<sup>3</sup>/h cooling tower was renovated for energy saving by an Anhui Company in 2012. After completion, under the condition that returning water pressure was 0.39MPa, the actual water flow was 4500m<sup>3</sup>/h (flow loss was about 1000m<sup>3</sup>/h), fan speed was 95r/min, which could not meet working requirement in summer, and did not reach acceptance standard. This project was renovated again by Kimax in 2014.

## Acceptance Conclusion:

Newly renovated project data includes: water supply pressure 0.42MPa, water returning pressure 0.39MPa which were the same as before. When water flow was 4500m<sup>3</sup>/h, fan's rotation speed reached 117r/min (rating speed 117r/min). This fully met running requirements and passed acceptance.



# Renovation Case

Zhenjiang Chemical X Engineering Company

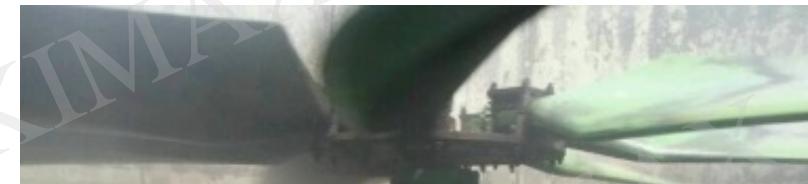
Project Name: Renovation of  $4 \times 4500\text{m}^3$  Cooling Tower Used CT Water Turbines For Energy Saving

## Project Introduction:

The #1 cooling tower of public project's circulating water system was renovated for energy saving. Renovated tower passed summer running assessment, fully meeting design conditions and technological requirements. Again, the other four towers of the same system were renovated in 2014. The total renovated capacity reached  $22500\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ .

## Acceptance Conclusion:

#1 Cooling tower renovation was completed in April 2012, the practically measured data in June 15, 2012 were: water returning pressure was  $0.27\text{MPa}$ , flow per tower was  $4500\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , and fan's rotation speed reached  $109\text{r}/\text{min}$ , temperature decrease (inlet  $26.1^\circ\text{C}$ , outlet  $32.2^\circ\text{C}$ ) was  $6.1^\circ\text{C}$ , meeting technological requirements. The renovation of #1 tower was accepted. The whole project was completed at the end of 2013 and accepted in May 2014.



# Renovation Case

Project Name: Renovation of CT Water Turbines for  $2 \times 5000\text{m}^3$  Cooling Towers of Phase 1 Circulating Water System

## Project Introduction:

#1 and #3 cooling towers of phase 1 circulating water system were renovated for energy saving. After renovation, the two towers completely met design conditions and technological requirements. During renovation, current system's water returning pressure was used. After renovation, system's water returning pressure and water supply pressure remained unchanged. Total renovation capacity was  $5000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ .

## Acceptance Conclusion:

Renovation of cooling towers was completed in May 2014, data measured in that period were: water returning pressure 0.24MPa, flow per tower  $2500\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , fan's rotation speed 155r/min, temperature decrease (inlet 26°C, outlet 32 °C) 6°C, which met with technological requirements. This project was accepted.

Jilin Chemical Co., Ltd



# Renovation Case

Yanchang Chemical Co., Ltd

Project Name: Renovation of CT Water Turbines for  $4 \times 2500\text{m}^3$  Cooling Towers of Circulating Water System

## Project Introduction:

#1, #2, #5 and #6 cooling towers of circulating water system were renovated for energy saving. After renovation, the cooling towers fully met with design conditions and technological requirements. During renovation, current system's water returning pressure was used. After renovation, system's water returning pressure and water supply pressure remained unchanged. Total renovation capacity was  $10000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ .

## Acceptance Conclusion:

Cooling tower renovation was completed in September 2013 and data measured in that period showed: water returning pressure was 0.24MPa, water flow per tower was  $2500\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , and fan's rotation speed was 53r/min, temperature decrease also met technological requirement. This project was accepted.



# Renovation Case

Shaanxi Chemical Co., Ltd

Project Name: Renovation of CT Water Turbines for  $18 \times 4000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  Cooling Towers of Circulating System.

## Project Introduction:

10 out of  $11 \times 4000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling towers in circulating system A and 8 out of  $10 \times 4000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling towers in circulating system B were renovated.

## Acceptance Conclusion:

After renovation, parameters for system A and B were measured as follows:

Water flow for each tower was between  $3850\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ -- $4050\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ ; CT Water Turbine's inlet pressure was between 7--7.8mH<sub>2</sub>O, vibration was between 2.6--2.9mm/s, which all complied with (except for a few ones) parameter standards before renovation. This project was accepted by parts in April 2015 and July 2015, respectively.



Before  
v. s  
After

# Field Cases



Nanjing subway station:  
Renovation of  $9 \times 200\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
towers to the CT Water Turbine



Nanjing Feicui Jinlun Square:  
Renovation of  $6 \times 200\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
towers to the CT Water Turbine



Tangshan Zhongrun Group :  
Renovation of  $2 \times 2500\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
towers to the CT Water Turbine



Shandong Fenghuang Energy Group:  
Renovation of  $9 \times 4000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
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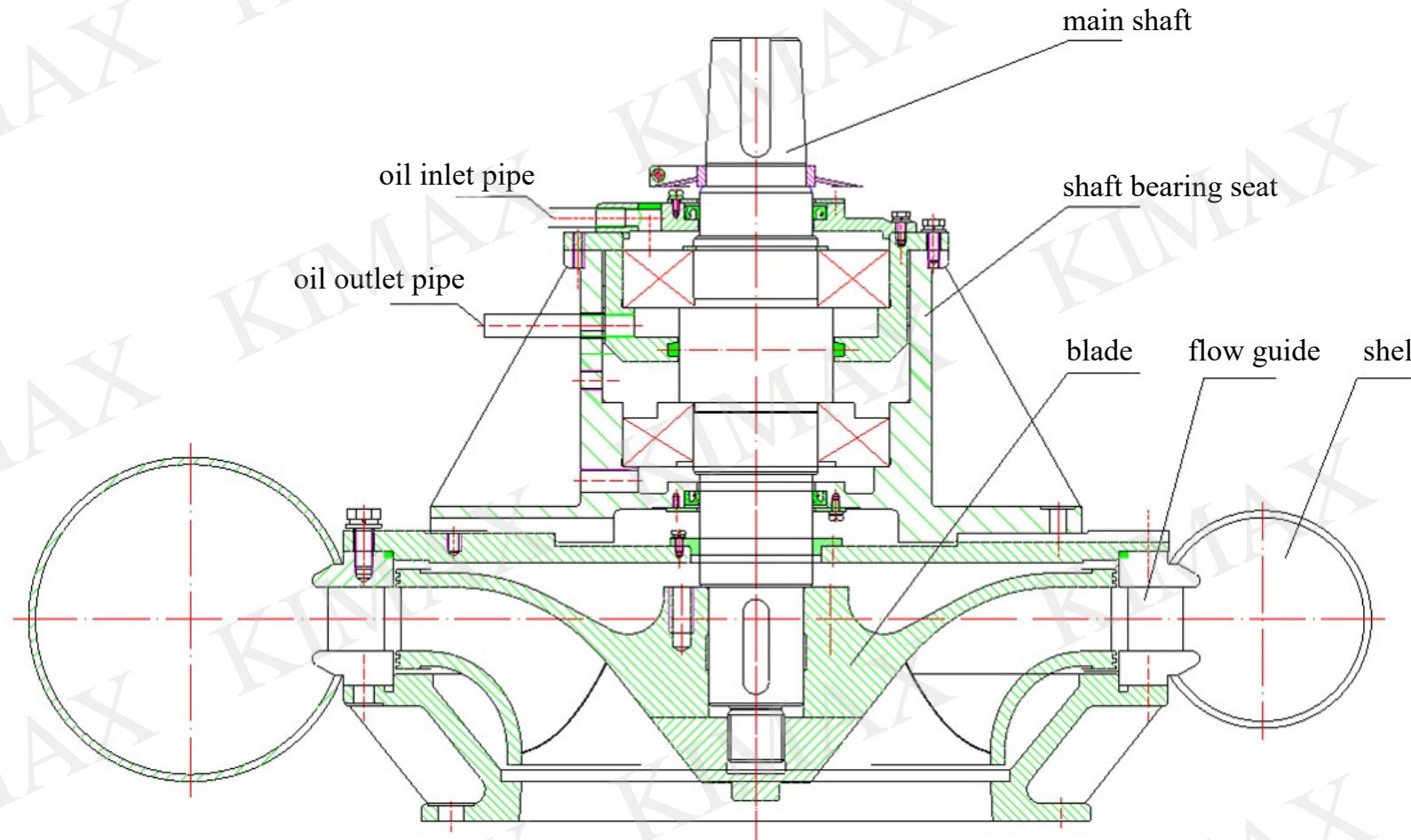


Shaanxi X Chemical Co., Ltd:  
Renovation of  $6 \times 4000\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
towers to the CT Water Turbine



Yip's Chemical Holdings Limited:  
Renovation of  $3 \times 2200\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  cooling  
towers to the CT Water Turbine

# Major Parts of CT Water Turbine



# Summary (Product Advantages)

- Electricity Saving:** Originally installed motor for driving fan is eliminated, electricity saving rate is as high as 85%~100%;
- Cost Saving:** As the maintenance and repairing time spent on motor, coupling and reducer are eliminated, the related fees are spared accordingly;
- Water Saving:** Fan speed, such as acceptable than the original slow (without affecting the process of the case), can reduce the evaporation of water;
- Lower Vibration/Noise:** Motor elimination can reduce vibration and noise;
- Smart Temperature Control:** Smart Temperature System may be used to keep water temperature stable in circulating water system.
- Environmental Protection:** Since electric motor and gearbox associated with motor transmission need lubricant for maintenance, which easily cause oil leakage and pollute environmental water, not only increasing water treatment fees, but also increasing other equipments' fault rate and lowering heat exchange efficiency.
- Safety:** CT Water Turbine works by using surplus water pressure rather than electricity and relevant devices, therefore eliminates risks caused by electricity leakage or sparkle in flammable and explosive area.

# THE END

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